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BATTLE AT KIN CHOW

Reports of Attack by Japanese Today

REAR OF PORT ARTHUR

SAID TO HAVE CAPTURED TOWN AND GUNS.

Russians Thought to Have Been Prepared for Attack but Unable

to Withstand.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, May 26.-Tokyo-Japanese forces with most powerful artillery are now attacking Kin Chow, in the rear of

Port Arthur. Spies report Russians have thirty guns

LONDON, May 26, 4:31 p.m.-A dispatch to the Central News from Tokyo says the Japanese have stormed and captured the town of Kin Chow, about thirty-two r.:les north of Port Arthur.

In an earlier message the Tokyo correspondent of the Central News cabled that Japanese spies had ascertained that the Russians had thirty guns at Kin Chow and numerous mines and wire entanglements at all the points where a Japanese attack was expected. The fighting is said to have taken place today

BARS THE CORRESPONDENTS.

No More to Be Allowed to Join Manchurian Army. ST. PETERSBURG, May 26, 3:30 p.m .-

Viceroy Alexieff has decided not to allow any more foreign newspaper correspondents to join the Manchurian army, at least for

None of those at Mukden have yet been allowed to go to Liao-Yang, much less to the front, and when permission is granted it is probable that some sort of pledge will be exacted which will require them to remain there until the end of this year's campaign, on the ground that if they depart at will they would take away a for-mation concerning the Russian dispositions. equipment, guns and transportation facili-ties which would be published beyond the jurisdiction of the Russian military censors and might prove of great value to the

NO FLOATING MINES.

Russian Official Denies Their Use at Port Arthur. ST. PETERSBURG, May 26, 4:45 p.m.-A

high authority at the admiralty said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "It is false to assert that the Russians use floating mines. They are not known in the Russian naval service. The Japanese used them constantly off Port Arthur. Numbers are affoat near the entrance. All the Russian mines are anchored, but the action of the Japanese in dragging for them is responsible if they get affoat. | perial park. Such mines are readily discernible in daylight, and are dangerous only at night. The three-mile limit is an absurdity, as a Whitehead torpedo can travel four miles." self absolutely, strongly intimated that the

Japanese battle ship Hatsuse was destroyed by a torpedo fired from a submarine boat. It is now established that a submarin boat of the Drzwicke type was at Port Ar-thur before the outbreak of the war.

PORT ARTHUR IN DOUBT.

Continued Reports of Bombardment Lack Confirmation.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26, 4:45 p.m. Vicercy Alexieff telegraphs that a report is current that Port Arthur was bombarded May 24, but says he has not received any official confirmation of the rumor.

It is reported that General Rennenkampff's Cossacks, who are operating on the line of General Kuroki's communications, have made an important capture of of the enemy's guns which were being taken forward to Feng-Wang-Cheng. No other details are given. This report comes from members of the emperor's suite

ROUTED RUSSIAN CAVALRY. Gen. Kuroki Reports Aftermath of To-Pu Fight.

TOKYO, May 26, 8 p.m.-General Kuroki reports that on Wednesday, after the battle at To-Pu, the enemy's cavalry took up a position at Pa-Tao-Sti. The Japanese thereupon attacked and routed them. Natives report that three of the enemy were killed and eighteen wounded.

During the afternoon a Japanese patrol captured one officer and one private.

MAY BE SEVERE FIGHTING.

Belief of Russian War Office-Denial

of Niuchwang Evacuation. ST. PETERSBURG, May 26, 6:20 p.m .-While no news has been received from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Russian troops at Port Arthur, the war office is inclined to believe that severe fighting is in progress in the southern part of the Liao-Tung peninsula, above the narcowest point of the peninsula, but no credence is attached to the reports of the Japanese having entered the Kwang-Tung peninsula, south of and connected with the Liao-Tung peninsula. This is considered impossible before the cap ure of Kin-Chow. which, it is believed here, would involve long and difficult siege operations.

The general staff denies the rumors of the final evacuation of Niuchwang, and says the heavy guns were not taken back

when the town was reoccupied in force. No changes of importance in the positions of Gen. Kuroki or Gen. Kuropatkin are re-

ALEXIEFF MAKES REPORT.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Fight of March 9 Told Of.

ST. PETERSBURG. May 26 .- The detailed official report of Viceroy Alexieff of the torpedo boat destroyer fight of March 9. in which the Stereguechtchni was cut off and sunk by Japanese cruisers, and the fight of the following day, in which a Japanese torpedo boat was sunk by a torpedo,

The viceroy lays stress upon the great delicacy of the destroyers and torped boats and the ease with which they are disabled by a projectile in the engine room. The whole of the engine room crew of the Vlastnini were driven to the deck by the escaping steam and the boat was saved only by the heroism of the engineer, who, though burned and scalded, went below

ON ERRAND OF MERCY

TRAIN EMPRESS' HOSPITAL STARTS FOR FRONT.

Furnished by Czarina of Russia, Who Provides for Support-Red

Cross Work.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26.-The Empress Hospital train started on its journey to the far east today. Among those at the station to witness its departure were Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, the heir presumptive, and Duke Peter of Oldenburg, the emperor's brother-in-law.

The train is the finest railway hospital ever constructed. It consists of two sections, the first composed of fourteen ambulance cars fitted with every appliance for the comfortable transportation of the ill and wounded. The second section contains two operating cars supplied with every adjunct of the modern operating room, tiled interiors, capable of instant cleansing, disinfectants, stores, instruments, bandages and adjustable operating tables. These cars are intended to be detached from the the train and sent to various points wherever they will be of the most use along the line.

For the Convalescents. The remainder of the train contains library, chapel and bath rooms, including a special electric bath, an x-ray car with dynamos, and all apparatus and a kitchen car, from which all the patients are fed. There are also cars containing a dispensary, sterilizing and disinfecting apparatus

a water distilling plant and ice manufac-There went out with the train three doctors, four sisters of mercy and three as-The empress not only furnished the en tire train, but furnishes \$500 monthly to aid in the purchase of delicacles for the

Red Cross Work.

The Red Cross Society has established over 10,000 beds in Manchuria for the purposes of the war, and has divided the immense territory from the Volga to Port Arthur and Vladivostok into four districts, each in charge of a superintendent, whose duty it is to forward supplies and dispatch physicians and aurses where they are need-

There are central establishments at Ir-kutsk, Chita, Harbin, Mukden and Liao-Yang. Port Arthur and Vladivostok have their own equipment In addition to the hospital trains, eighteen barges are being fitted for the transporta-tion of the wounded and sick by the Sungerl and Amur rivers. Much is expected of the flying detachments, each made up of a surgeon, four medical students and eight men trained to apply the first aid to the wounded and operate under fire. Reports of their work at the Yalu river are awaited

here with great interest. MOVEMENTS OF THE CZAR.

Going to Peterhof to Remain All the Summer.

usual, this summer.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26 .- The imperial family from Tsarskoe-Selo is going to Peterhof, June 6, where Emperor Nicholas will remain for the rest of the summer. He will not occupy the grand palace, but the smaller Alexander palace, in the im-On account of the war the emperor will not go to Skiernewice, Russian Poland, as

Jap Troops at Kerr Bay. CHE FOO, May 26, 8:30 p.m.-A letter received here from a Japanese correspondent says the Japanese landed a regiment of troops at Kerr bay, northeast of Tallen-Wan bay, Llao-Tung peninsula, May 19. Fleet Passes Che Foo.

CHE FOO, May 26, 2:30 p.m.-There was a violent storm in the Gulf of Pechili last night. A fleet or four ships passed here at noon going east. Japs Nearing Port Arthur.

CHE FOO, May 26, 3:30 p.m.-There is a rumor current here among the Chinese that the Japanese are now within ten miles of Port Arthur.

Port Arthur Bombardment Unconfirmed.

A cable from St. Petersburg says: 9:28 p m. No confirmation is obtainable here of the report from Che-Foo that Port Arthur was bombarded by the Japanese fleet, but with telegraphic communication interrupted the authorities here are not in a posi-

Jap Torpedo Boat in Red Sea. ODESSA, May 26 .- According to reports made by captains of steamers which arrived here from the Red sea a Japanese torpedo boat has been seen there.

Reinforcements for Kuroki. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, May 26 .- St. Petersburg reports that Cossacks in reconnoitering sighted a division of Japanese reinforcements with artillery seven miles south of Feng Huang Cheng and marching toward that place to reinforce Kuroki.

NON-UNION MEN AT WORK.

Freight Handlers Profess to Be Satised Today.

NEW YORK, May 26.-While the strikers admitted today that full crews of non-union freight handlers had been at work in the Mott Haven yards of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for two days, they professed to be on the whole well satisfied with the prevailing conditions. The new men, all of whom are Italians, are absolutely unable to handle the traffic, the strikers say, and they claim that the congestion resulting from the strike has been only slightly relieved. A great quantity of perishable freight, they assert, is tied up in the yards and on the motionless floats, with little prospect of being moved before it becomes a total loss.

The express transfer boat Maryland, loaded with freight cars, was tied up at her dock today owing to the strike of her firemen last night.
Along the East river a distinct improve

ment in the handling of freight was ap-parent today. Much of the surplus freight which could not be handled by the regular sound boats was transferred to the Central Vermont and Maine steamship lines.

RENSON MUST COME.

To Be Tried in Washington for Land Fraud Cases.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Judge Lacombe, in the United States circuit court, today dismissed the writ of habeas corpus secured by counsel for John E. Benson, the Call-

BOAT BOILER BURSTS GORMAN PLANS CARRY AT

Death and Destruction Near Louisville, Ky.

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST

TUG ABOUT TO TIE UP WHEN EX-PLOSION OCCURS.

Cause of the Accident Not Known-Two Men Aboard Escaped -Many Injured.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 26.-Thirteen persons were killed, three fatally injured and five hurt by an explosion of boilers which totally demolished the towboat Fred Wilson off Riverview Park today. The dead

Captain Joseph Price, Pittsburg. Unidentified white man, believed to be a Pittsburg insurance agent, traveling with Captain Price.

William Quinn, steward, Pittsburg. Albert Miller, pilot, Pittsburg. Sherman Shively, second engineer, Pitts-

First cook, name unknown. Joseph Warren, colored, Middleport, Ohio. William Thornton, colored, Middleport, Ohio.

- Patrick, portion of body found on coal boat. Four white deck hands, names unknown. Fatally injured:

Emma Williamson, chambermaid, burned. J. Lettercouth, deck hand, Wellsburg, W. Cliff Johnson, Tyrone, Pa., burned. William Timmons, watchman, head scald-

ed; serious.

John Miller, deck hand, Pittsburg, nose - Codley, kitchen helper, burned Charles R. Nadal, pilot, injured about

William Miller, Allegheny, Pa., bruised about head.

The Wilson, which was the property of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Company, left Pittsburg last Friday, with six barges, twelve coal boats and four flats, bound for Louisville. She arrived here about midnight, had proceeded down the river and was about to the up when the explosion occurred. The boat had just put about to back a tow into

a landing place.

The Cause Not Known. Henry Sykes, first mate, could give no explanation of the cause of the accident. He and Chief Engineer Walker were the only men on the boat who escaped injury. Neither man could give the name of the deckhands, nor did they know the name of the assenger who was making the trip with Pittsbur, and they had gained the impression that he was in the insurance business. He is described as a man past the middle

Herman Shively, second engineer, was blown through the side of the boat and landed twenty feet away on top of a shanty Father Cunningham was one of the first to

arrive at the scene of the explosion and gave extreme unction to several men who were dying.

An Improvised Hospital. The police and hospital ambulances and the automobiles of the morning newspapers carried a corps of physicians and nurses to the scene, which is four miles from the heart of the city. The injured were taken to the residence of Col. John H. Whallen until they could be better provided for at

the city hospitals.

Mr. Whallen's house, which is about 150 yards from the river, was badly damaged by the explosion, but none of the family was injured. The front doors were splin-tered, the chandellers in the drawing room were shattered and nearly every window in the house was broken. Col. Whallen sent the first word to the city and he used his private yacht in rescuing those blown from the boat.

Boat Blown to Pieces.

The Welson was built eighteen years ago, and was reconstructed in part last year. She was valued at \$25,000. She was insured in the "Special Insurance," which all boats of the coal combine carry. Her length was 174 feet, 30 feet 8 inches beam. The Wilson was literally blown to pieces, and her hull sank in eighteen feet of water. Two heavy pieces of her boiler were found almost 500 yards from the bank, and her flag floats from the top of a tree near River View Park, where it was blown with a piece of wreckage.

Those of the crew who were saved are: Lewis Walker, chief engineer, Pittsburg; Henry Sykes, first mate, Pittsburg; Frank Egan, Allegheny; John Busha, Allegheny; Joe Chadwick, Allegheny; Thomas Dinwiddie, residence unknown; George Morrow, second fireman, Middleport, Ohio; Jacob Botzell, Pomeroy, Ohio; Frank Knight, Middleport, Ohio; W. J. Gilbraith, Braddock, Pa.; Walter Bates, Middleport, Ohio; Peter Kane, Pittsburg; James Jones, Wellsboro', Ohio.
All of these, with the exception of Walker and Sykes, were more or less injured

Known in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, May 26.-The unknown man killed in the explosion was William Holland, a business man of Braddock, Pa., and a neighbor of Capt. Price. Mr. Holland was on a pleasure trip as the guest of Cant. Price.

The master of a boat frequently invites a friend to accompany him and no record is kept by the officials of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Company of such passen-

The first intelligence of the disaster came through the Associated Press, and the officers of the company are now making an investigation. Capt. Price was a river man all his life and was considered one of the best masters in the employ of the river company. He was worthy captain of the American Association of Masters and Pilots. His wife is seriously ill at their home at Braddock, and it is feared his death will seriously retard her recovery.

BLUE AND GRAY UNITE.

Confederate Memorial Parade at Norfolk, Va., Today. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NORFOLK, Va., May 26.-In the Norfolk city confederate memorial parade today Gen. Newton M. Curtis of New York, who commanded the federal forces which stormed and captured Fort Fisher, N. C., during the civil war, and Col. Wm. Lamb of Norfolk. who commanded the little band of confederates who fought so bravely inside of the fort, rode side by side in the same

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS IN SES SION TODAY.

Delegates to St. Louis Chosen and Platform Adopted-Ovation for Senior Senator.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, May 26.-The democratic state convention, which met at noon today in Ford's Opera House, was the most nota-ble in years. Gorman's fine hand was noticed in the drawing together of the factions, and the intent evidently is to make a tremendous showing.

This has for its purpose, first, to show how strong democracy is in the state, and secondly to give the Gorman presidential boom a great impetus.

When Gorman entered the opera house he was given a tremeridous ovation, and, bowing and smiling, he wended his way to a seat with the Howard county delegates. The convention was called to order by State Chairman Murray Van Diver, who said, in part, on assuming the gavel: "Our work today is to select our delegates

didates for electors and give some expression of our views as to the issues of the sion of our views as to the issues of the campaign.

"My efforts in past contests to register and bring to the polls our entire vote have been so well aided by our several local organizations that I feel sure the work will be thoroughly done in the approaching campaign. We must keep Maryland in the democratic column. She belongs there of right

to the St. Louis convention; choose our can-

"The hopes, the sympathies and the affections of our people are with the na-tional democracy. We must labor to help them. We see everywhere evidences of divisions and discord among the repub-licans. Let us exhibit in marked contrast to these unmistakable signs of discord and weakness the full strength of our thoroughly harmonious party."

Joshua Hering Chairman.

Joshua Hering was named as chairman and he was escorted to the stage by Dr. Shaw of Howard county and Frank A. Furst, amid wild applause.

Senator-elect Rayner and Gov. Warfield were completely ignored.

were completely ignored.

Following were elected delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention: United States Senator A. P. Gorman, State Treasurer Murray Vandiver, Gen. L. Victor Baughman and John P. Poe.

No instructions were given, but the delegation is solidly in favor of the nomination of Senator Gorman for the presidency. The platform denounces the republican party for its dangerous departures from the cardinal principles inculcated by the fathers of the republic, advocate tariff revision, criticizes the "imperial" policy of the republicans and demards independence for Filipinos, denounces departmental fraud and corruption at Washin and calls for and corruption at Washin and calls for national retrenchment, criticises President Roosevelt's methods in Pename negotiations and his dictatorial course toward Con-

Though the delegation was not a tructed for Senator Gorman, the sometiment in adopted a resolution strongly commending his course in Congress.

BATTLE SHIPS AT HURTA. Arrival of Admiral Barker's Squadron

at the Azores. As predicted in The Star a few days ago, the battle ship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet is the first to make port of the three squadrons which left different ports in the United States about ten days ago. Rear Admiral Barker, commanding, reports the arrival at Horta, Azores, this morning of the battle ships Kearsarge, Maine, Iowa and Alabama. These vessels will be coaled at Horta from the four colliers which were sent ahead and which awaited them at that

Capt. Pillsbury, acting chief of the bureau of navigation, said that there was no intention of sending one of the battle ships to Tangier. "What is the use," he asked, "of sending a man to do a boy's work?" He said that so far as he was aware the original orders for Rear Admiral Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, to send one of his vessels from Teneriffe to Tangier would stand, although it is possible, in case of the earlier arrival at the Azores of the European squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Jewell, that one of the vessels of that squadron might be sent to Morocco instead. The selection of the vessel for that service, he explained, will depend entirely upon circumstances. It is the intention of the department to send the first vessel that is available of either the South Atlantic or European squadron. The former is bound for the Canary Islands and the latter for the Azores, and both are expected to arrive in a day or two. The chances favor the selection of a vessel of the South Atlantic squadron, for the reason that the Canaries are nearer Tangier than the Azores. Capt. Pillsbury, acting chief of the bu-

MARCONI'S PLANS.

Will Return to Cape Breton Early in June to Resume Operations.

In a report to the Department of Com-merce and Labor, United States Consul General Holloway states that it is announced in Halifax, N. S., that Marconi will return to Cape Breten early in June to conduct his transatlantic wireless servto conduct his transatlantic wireless service. He is now in communication with the dominion government at Ottawa regarding the use of land wires. The station at Table Head has been overhauled and new machinery and instruments have been placed in position, and communication is being held almost daily with passing steamers and with Welifieet. Much experimental work is also being conducted. Hereafter messages will be received and sent on the same principle as is employed in telegraph offices. Table Head will be largely a repeating station between Welificet and Cornwall.

DEPARTED FOR HONG KONG. The Torpedo Boat Flottle Left Manila

This Morning.

According to advices received at the Navy Department today the first torpedo boat flotilla, which recently made the recordbreaking run from Hampton Roads to Manila, and which has been in active service since, left the last named port this morning for Hong Kong, where each of the vessels will be docked and receive an over-handing. These stands little vessels are hauling. These stanch little vessels are the Decatur, Barry, Bainbridge, Chauncey and Dale. Orders have been issued by the Navy Department attaching this fiotilla to the battle ship division of the Asiatic fleet, and hereafter the battle ships and torpedo boat destroyers will cruise in company in Asiatic waters.

The Boston Leaves Panama for North The cruiser Boston left Panama yesterday The Boston was ordered north by the deescaping steam and the boat was saved only by the heroism of the engineer, who was indicted though burned and succeeded in again getting up steam. Although the loss of a Japanese torpedo to and mitted by the Japanese, the viceroy positively and officially affirms the report.

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Representative Lanning to Be U. S. District Judge.

OBJECT TO CORTELYOU

RUMORS AS TO SENATORS KEAN AND FAIRBANKS.

The Illinois Muddle Does Not Seem to Clear-Collection of War Pictures.

Representative William M. Lanning of the fourth district of New Jersey will become United States district judge of New Jersey within a few days. Senator Kean called on the President today and presented the recommendation of himself and Senator Dryden in favor of Representative Lanning. The vacancy has existed since the death of Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, and the accumulation of business in the court has made it necessary for an early appointment. There were a large number of candidates and some doubt as to whether Mr. Lanning would accept, but Senators Kean and Dryden got together, agreed upon Mr. Lanning and offered him the position. He accepted the offer, and nothing remains to be done so far as known, except for the President to announce the appointment.

It is the general opinion that Representative Lanning is especially qualified for the vacant judgeship. He is fifty-five years old and was admitted to the bar in 1880. Four years later he was city solicitor of Trenton, and in 1887 was judge of the city district court, a position he occupied until 1891, when, with other district judges, he was legislated out of of-

In 1887 he assisted in compiling and pub lishing a supplement to the revised laws of New Jersey, and in 1895 a new edition of all the general statutes of New Jersey. He was a member of the special commission that framed the present comprehensive township laws and of the constitutional commission of 1894. He is a member of the board of directors of several healting in board of directors of several banking in-stitutions and of the board of trustees of he general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States as well as of Princeton Seminary. He is serving his first

Did He Object to Cortelyou? Senator Kean has recently been quoted as opposed to Secretary Cortelyou for chair- temporary quarters and resumed business man of the republican national committee and as having expressed his intention to make known his objections to the President. Whether he did so this morning could not be learned. Senator Kean was not disposed to answer questions with directness on this or any other point, and there was a story that his alleged objecthere was a story that his alleged objections to Mr. Cortelyou had not been received well by the President. This, however, may have been merely in the nature of speculation. It is even declared that Senator Fairbanks, the probable nominee of the republicans for Vice President, and Senator Aldrich think that some other man would be better adapted to the chairman ship than Mr. Cortelyou, and that they express their views. They were not among the visitors, however, and if they entertain any such feelings they were not per-sonally expressed to the President today.

The Illinois Muddle. Senator Cullom and Representative Foss of Illinois were both at the White House today, but Senator Cullom could not wait. and decided that he would call aga'n. Representative Foss spent some time discuss ing the Illinois situation with the President Both the Illinois men do not see any ma-terial change in the situation, and cannot foreshadow any change when the conven-tion meets again next Tuesday. The effort of Governor Yates to make converts is being followed by the other seven candidates for governor, and the fight is going on with almost as much fierceness as when the convention was in session.

"The convention is the finest one we ever had in Illinois," said Representative Foss. "The delegates are men of the high-

est character, intelligence and loyalty, and I am sure they will reach some solution that will be satisfactory. I am sure that the nominee will be safely elected, and that the state will not depart from its history as a republican stronghold."

Senator Proctor and Representative William Alden Smith of Michigan, who are in Washington to attend a meeting of the Red

Cross Society, talked with the President about the affairs of the society, and found him greatly interested.

Lieut. Roger S. Fitch, U. S. A., who was a private in the President's Rough Rider regiment during the Spanish war, visited the President in company with his uncle J. E. Fitch of this city.

Collection of War Pictures.

A magnificent collection of photographs of the Japanese-Russian war was presented to President Roosevelt today by Collier's Weekly, which has a number of photographers on the ground. The presentation was made by H. T. Clinton, associate editor of the publication. The collection is embraced in a handsomely bound book three feet by two feet six inches in size, the leaves being of the finest linen. The book is six nches thick and is designed to hold 5,000 ographs in the collection, and the President will receive the remaining 4,250 as fast as they reach the periodical. The photo-graphs include the blowing up and de-struction of the Russian vessels Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo at the beginning of the war, landing and camping of the Japanese soldiers at points in Korea and else-where, together with photographs of the Russian troops, vessels and prominent of-

ficials.

Gen. Hamilton S. Hawkins, governor of the Soldiers' Home in this city, paid his respects to the President.

Gen. R. V. Dyrenforth presented his mother, Mrs. Caroline Dyrenforth of Chicago.

Mrs. Dyrenforth is eighty-five years old and said that she had greatly enjoyed her visit to the President.

Secretary Taft in Conference.

Secretary Taft, who has returned from als trip to the Adirondacks much improved in health, had a conference today with the President regarding the promotion and retirement of certain officers of the army under a provision inserted in the army appropriation bill passed at the last session of Congress. The provision has been the subject of some discussion among the executive officers of the government. The conference between the President and Secretary Taft developed a doubt whether or ribt about twenty-five officers who are physically disqualified for promotion under the law may be promoted and retired under the provision of the last appropriation bill. Secretary Taft is inclined to the opinion that they cannot be promoted, but he has decided that it would be advisable to obtain a formal opinion on the subject. The question, therefore, will be referred to Attorney General Knox, and under a provision inserted in the army

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF RUPTURE GIVEN.

Mgr. Lorenzelli, Papal Representative at Paris, Stays Away From Diplomats' Weekly Reception.

PARIS, May 26.-The absence of Monsig nor Lorenzelli, the papal nuncio, from the callers at the foreign office on this, the regular diplomatic day, was construed by his colleagues as being further evidence of the interruption of diplomatic relations between the holy see and France. As dean of the diplomatic corps Monsignor Lorenzelli has invariably headed the visitors.

Foreign Minister Delcasse informed the ambassadors that M. Nisard's recall from his post as ambassador to the Vatican was absolute and unqualified. The minister gave evidence of interest to learn what relations the other governments sustained toward the Vatican. Owing to the similarity of the institutions of France and the United States he particularly inquired concerning the details whereby church and state were kept entirely separate in the United States.

Although the French government's future intentions have not been exactly defined, the members of the diplomatic corps are satisfied that relations with the papal nuncio here will be suspended, not by giving him his passports, but by advising the nuncio that it is not considered necessary to carry on further relations with the holy see while M. Nisard is absent from Rome.

MARTIAL LAW REIGNS. Yazoo City, Miss., Swept by Flames-Looters at Work.

YAZOO CITY, Miss., May 23.-Yazoo City is under martial law as a result of yesterday's conflagration. Several negroes, who were caught in an attempt to steal salvage, have been arrested. Two military companies patrol the burned district. The loss is variously estimated at between \$1,-500,000 and \$2 000,000. Insurance will probably approximate 50 per cent of the loss. The devastation of the business district is complete. Twenty-eight blocks were swept clean by the flames. Of the 200 buildings destroyed, fifty were splendid residences, many of old colonial architecture and occupied by some of the wealthiest citizens of the south.

The only buildings of consequence di-The only buildings of consequence directly exposed to the fire which escaped were the court house and the Fannie J Ricks Memorial Library. They were saved only by the sudden shifting of the wind. The buildings of the four banks doing business here were destroyed, but it is announced that all money stored in the vaults has been saved. The institutions rented temporary quarters and resumed business.

The residence of John Sharp-Williams, the minority leader in the House of Rep-resentatives ,escaped the flames.

BILLS AND OVERTURES. Report Under Discussion at Presbyterian Assembly.

MOBILE, Ala., May 26.-The adoption of the report of the committee on theological seminaries was the first business transacted today by the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, chairman of the standing committee on bills and overtures, read the report of the committee.

The answers to the overtures from the presbyteries of Missouri, Orange and Greenbrier were adopted, while the replies Fort Worth were ordered docketed, as was Chesapeake on polygamy. Rev. W. S. Campbell of the standing committee on Bible cause read the report, which was received and adopted.

BUSINESS PRACTICALLY CLOSED. General Assembly of Cumberland

Presbyterians at Dallas. DALLAS, Tex., May 26 .- With the allimportant question of church union disposed of, there was but little business left for the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to dispose of, and delegates began leaving the city to-

The assembly convened today for the

usual devotional exercises, after which several reports of a routine character were submitted and acted on. Final adjournment will likely be taken this afternoon. WANT TONNAGE STATEMENTS. Coal Inquiry in New York Continued

Today. NEW YORK, May 26 .- When the interstate commerce commission today resumed its inquiry into the alleged coal trust compact Commissioner Prouty requested from Judge J. D. Campbell, representing the Reading company, a tonnage statement distinguishing its collieries from those of operating companies whose coal it carries, and distinguishing among the latter coal handled by the Reading company on coal purchase contracts and coal handled on other forms of contracts. He also requested a statement of the coal land and colliery investment of the Reading company showing the ultimate value of the lands and collieries after they were abandoned, so far as mining operations are concerned. The same request was made of counsel representing other companies.

President Thomas of the Lehigh Valley road, the first witness today, replied to several questions which the supreme court had directed him to answer. He said that he fixes the price of the coal of the Lehigh Valles Coal Company, that

Valley Coal Company that is sold at tidewater. MODERATOR ELECTED.

Presbyterians at Greenville, Pa., Choose Dr. Witherspoon. GREENVILLE, Pa., May 26.-At its first business session today the United Presby-

terian general assembly elected unanimous-ly as moderator Dr. J. W. Witherspoon of

Allegheny, Pa. When he had been escorted to the platform Charles J. Watson of Philadelphia, secretary of the board of foreign miss presented him with a gavel made wood taken from mission houses in Egypt and India and made by boys in a Hinde and india and made by boys in a Friadoo mission school. A number of overtures were received from the presbyteries of Zenia, Smithson, Illinois, Pittsburg. Concordia and Conemaugh, after which the committee on narrative and state of religion reported seventeen more congregations and a net gain in membership of 2,494. The total membership is now 138,145.

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Politicians Think Yesterday's Action

"Alabama casts her twenty-two votes for Alton B. Parker of New York." This will be the first announcement on the first ballot for President at the democratic national convention. It will be foilowed by loud cries and shouts. Arkansas, next, will probably vote the same way;

more loud cries "California casts her twenty votes for William R. Hearst." The loud cries and shouts that first were heard will not be a marker to those that break out when Callfornia votes. There will be shouters at St. Louis for Mr. Hearst, if there are no voters. It probably will be the old story of the countryman who wanted to sell the hotel keeper a carload of frogs. Heaven knows, from the noise, he thought there

was a carload in the creek. The politicians think that the action of the Alabama and Tennessee democratic state conventions yesterday in Indorsing Parker will lend interest to the democratic situation. It looks now as if the solid south will be back of Judge Parker, although all the states will not be instructed. They are speaking now of the first ballot.

Vicious Attitude of Tammany. What is making the politicians uncertain is the vicious attitude of Tammany. Leader Murphy, no later than yesterday, from his retreat at Atlantic City, served notice that there was no let-up in the fight on Judge Parker. Of course, Murphy is strik-

ing at David B. Hill over Judge Parker's Mr. Murphy's game, as understood by the politicians here, is to frighten the south-erners into believing that Tammany is ir-reconcilable, and that if Judge Parker is nominated Tammany will cut him and fight him. Some of the southern politicians say that Mr. Murphy is liable to overplay his hand if he is not careful.

The south is getting a little bit weary of the constant treachery and bullying of Tammany. The two things go together. If Tammany cannot bully it sulks, plays the traitor and knifes the ticket. Some of say-and the southerners still have a lift say in national conventions—they will tell Tammany to go hang. Mr. Murphy, for a young man and a new leader, is carrying rather a high hand, according ion of some of the southern leaders.

It would not be surprising if they should lead to be surprising if they should lead to be surprising in the sound lead to be rather a high hand, according to the opinturn in at St. Louis and give the youn Tammany buck a dressing down. Some of

them think it is coming to him, and that he not only needs it, but that it would do him good. Tammany appears to be making the mistake of thinking that it is the democratic party, these gentlemen say. cording to recent results, Tammany is not even the democratic party in the state of New York, for Mr. David B. Hill and the up-state democrats walked up one side and down the other of Mr. Murphy and his braves. It strikes these southerners as rather presumptuous for Mr. Murphy to come bossing around the national party, threatening to take his doll rags and go home if he can not have his own way about

the play. The continued opposition of Mr. Murphy to Judge Parker is likely to react in the judge's favor, in view of this growing irritation over the Tammany methods which are being pursued by Mr. Murphy.

TO TAKE THE MIDSHIPMEN.

Departure of a Fleet From Hampton Roads for Annapolis. The battle ships Texas and Massachusetts, the cruiser Hartford and the torpedo boat destroyers Whipple, Hopkins, Truxtun and Worden left Hampton roads this morning for Annapolis for the purpose of taking the first and second classes of midshipmen on a practice cruise along the Atlantic coast. The middies will be put through a thorough course of practical instruction in modern naval warfare, including target practice, and will spend about three months on the warships.

About one month of this time will be spent in the waters of Chesapeake bay and another month in Gardner's bay, Long Island sound. The fleet will arrive at Annapolis late tonight. The monitors Nevada, Florida and Arkansas, which are to also be of the training squadron, are already at Annapolis.

TO PAY CLERKS SATURDAY.

Disbursements to Be Made Earlier The Secretary of the Interior has approved the recommendation of the disbursing officer of the department, Mr. Geo. W. Evans, for the payment of the employes of that department Saturday for the rest of the month of May. This is an accommoda-tion to the clerks, who will thus be able to draw their salaries Saturday for possible use Sunday and Monday. All of the other departments, it is understood, are to pay their employes Saturday also.

Names of New Warships.

The names decided upon for the warships authorized at the last session of Congress were announced at the Navy Department today as follows: The battle ship, New Hampshire; armored cruisers, North Carolina and Montana; scout cruisers, Chester, Birmingham and Salem; colliers, Erie and Ontario.

Movements of Naval Vessels. The gunboat Nashville and the torpedo boat Lawrence arrived at New Orleans yesterday from St. Louis on their way to

The cruiser Marblehead and the gunboat Concord arrived at Honolulu yesterday on their way to Kiska bay, Aleutian Islands. The Newport has arrived at Monte Christi and the Glacier at Colon.

The Justin has sailed from Guam for Cavities.

Infantry Reach Fort Douglas. The War Department is informed that the headquarters, band, the 2d Battalion and Company L. 29th Infantry, seventeen officers and 269 enlisted men arrived at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Secretary Moody at His Desk.

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